

Christ's Church
Cathedral
Hamilton, Ontario



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OUR CATHEDRAL'S SACRED STORY IN 2022



**DEEP
ROOTS**

**SACRED
SPACE**

**CARING
COMMUNITY**



Epiphany, 2023

Dear Cathedral Friends,

This Narrative Budget is our story of lives transformed – our Cathedral’s ministries, the resources we contribute to God’s work in a broken world, what we’ve been doing in 2022 - and God’s invitation to each of us to contribute.

As a Cathedral parish, we are many things to many people: home to our Bishop and Diocese, a warm and hospitable focus of engagement in the Jamesville neighbourhood, a worshipping community of caring, learning, and service, a centre of liturgical and musical excellence in God’s praise and service.

Our theology of generosity is rooted in the Gospel and God’s amazing generosity and abundance. As Christian stewards, we are called to regular, generous giving of our time, talent, and treasure, all year round. So it’s not about paying the bills, or preserving the institution, but about our relationship with God. How can we be generous? Your Cathedral Generosity Group, formed in 2021 to renew our focus on the stewardship of our resources, sees it this way.

Abundance – God has blessed us with countless gifts and resources. In response, we must approach ministry from a mindset of abundance, not scarcity.

Thanks – We are thankful for the generous spirit of our parishioners.

Spiritual habit – We give because it is what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. The more we give, the more this spiritual exercise becomes a habit.

My story – Each of us has an experience to share; our generosity is part of our story.

Christian hospitality – We invite others to share in our community life, including newcomers and struggling members of our neighbourhood.

Urgency – Christ calls us to act now, not at some time in the future.

Decisions – We all are called to give; we need to decide how much.

Convenience – We make giving easier by providing different ways to donate (pre-authorized giving, PayPal, E-transfer, credit card, etc.

Please read this Narrative Budget. Then read it again! Pray about it. We invite you to use the guide on the last page to reflect on your own generosity. Please fill in the Intention Form to record what you will offer to the Cathedral’s ministries. And as always: THANK YOU.

In Christ’s love,



(The Very Rev. Dr.) Tim Dobbin
Rector of Christ’s Church Cathedral and Dean of Niagara
On behalf of the Cathedral Generosity Team and Corporation

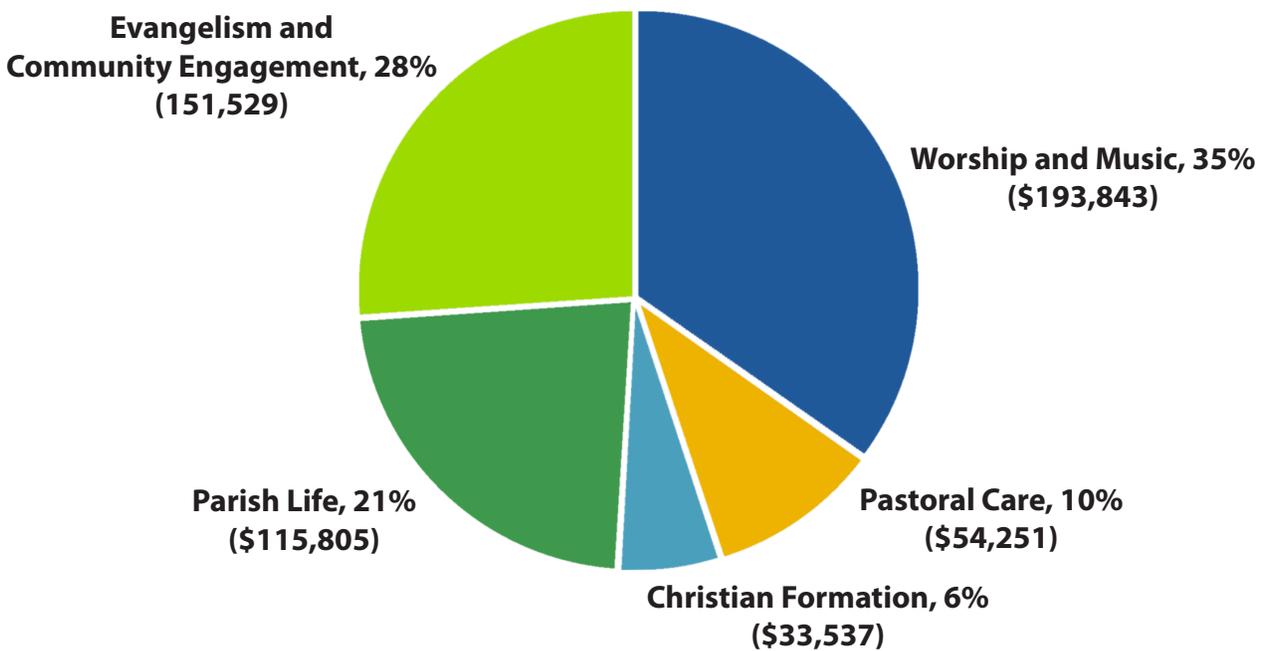


Our Mission and Ministries

As the Cathedral church of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara in downtown Hamilton since 1835, we welcome all as beloved children of God. Our historic building and grounds enhance our ministry of inspiring worship, beautiful music, Christian spiritual and leadership formation, solidarity with the marginalized, and warm hospitality within and beyond our parish.

Our Investment in Mission and Ministries

Our ministries are supported by your contributions of time, talent, and treasure. Our total budgeted expenditure for ministry in 2022 is \$548,965.



Worship and Music (35%)

Cathedral worship is at the core of our Christian life and practice. We share it online now! We aspire to excellence in liturgy, preaching, and music. All three are beautifully combined in the historic setting of our magnificent building. Our Dean, The Very Rev. Dr. Tim Dobbin (since January 2021), provides leadership for Sunday worship services, mid-week Eucharists, on-line Morning Prayer and Diocesan Services. He is assisted by Bishop Ralph Spence and a team of honorary assistants include Bishop Terry Brown, Rev. Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall, Rev. Canon J. Lefebvre, and Ven. Lynne Marchant. We were also blessed by the gifts of the Rev. Dr. Rob Jones (Deacon), Rob Miller (Intern) this year, and Rev. Jeff Potter and Monica Green (Intern) since the summer. In 2022, we bade farewell to Michael Bloss, our Director of Music Ministries, and recruited Bruce Burbidge to lead the choir and all of us in musical worship.



Evangelism and Community Engagement (28%)

Through livestreaming and social media, we share the Good News and welcome our community and the world. We've been able to host Doors Open and Art Crawl again. We've formed new relationships with local justice-seeking organizations in urgent priorities like the housing crisis, hosting the "Tiny House" prototype in Bishopsgate. Our volunteer-staffed Cathedral Café is a place of refuge, welcome, and compassion. As the mother church of the Diocese, we host diocesan celebrations, including ordinations, confirmations, and other special events. We support vital ministries such as St. Matthews House and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.



Parish Life (21%)

Our weekly Chronicle, quarterly Contact, and Website keep our busy Cathedral informed and up to date. Sunday worship with its Liturgical Teams and livestreaming, community engagement through the Cathedral Café and Out of the Cold, volunteer groups including the Altar Guild, Brass Monkeys, Archives, Lay Weeders, offering counters, members of committees and Corporation - all benefit from timely communication and coordination. After Alison Meredith's retirement, we welcomed Tricia Kalantari as Parish Coordinator in October. This autumn we refurbished and rededicated our office area and "living room". Our community continues to encounter God through the beauty of the historic sacred spaces we love and maintain.



Photo: Alexander (Sandy) Darling

Pastoral Care (10%)

Our dedicated Pastoral Care Team includes our clergy and Parish Coordinator. They make or facilitate phone and in-person visits; oversee newcomer welcome; provide confidential pastoral counseling; offer compassionate funeral and grief support; and support our parishioner phone tree. Earlier in the year, when we could not meet in person due to the pandemic, the efforts of this team were especially important.



Christian Formation (6%)

We learn and grow in our understanding of our calling as Christians. Our education programs include Centering Prayer, Community of Prayer, Sunday Lectionary Study series, Cathedral Chats, Lenten and other seasonal programs. Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage preparation program are offered as needed. Our clergy teach in worship settings and informal conversations. Last year, a new Faith Formation working group, comprised of our Dean, clergy and lay leaders, developed a year-round curriculum for spiritual development and education. Our commitment to leadership development includes a role in forming and training emerging leaders in our Diocese.

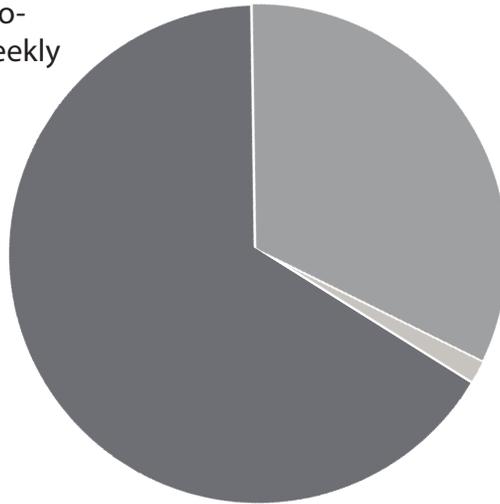


WHAT WE RECEIVE

Our Sources of Revenue for Ministry in 2022

Our total budgeted revenue from all sources in 2022 is \$494,330. This would result in a deficit of \$54,635.

Offerings (\$323,630). Offerings are funds received through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), monthly or weekly envelopes, open collections, and special offerings.



Investments (\$163,000). Investment income from capital funds such as Preserve to Serve, Morris Endowment, and funds held with the Synod of Niagara.

Other Income: Special Purpose and Miscellaneous (\$7,700). This includes funds for special needs and projects that are offset by expenditures of equal value (for example, contributions for memorial flowers) and diocesan or government grants for temporary staffing).

HOW AND WHAT WE GAVE IN 2021

Range of Annual Gift	# of Givers	# of Givers Cumulative	Total Given by Group	Average Given by Group	% of Total Donations
\$15,000+	4	1	\$72,446	\$18,112	24%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	3	7	\$33,488	\$11,163	11%
\$7,500 - \$9,999	3	10	\$24,895	\$8,298	8%
\$5,000 - \$7,499	3	13	\$20,450	\$6,817	7%
\$3,000 - \$4,999	14	27	\$54,358	\$3,883	18%
\$1,000 - \$2,999	47	74	\$78,695	\$1,674	26%
\$500 - \$999	18	92	\$11,926	\$663	4%
\$100 - \$499	27	119	\$6,765	\$251	2%
\$1 - \$99	11	130	\$430	\$39	0%
Totals	130		\$303,453	\$2,334	100%



LEGACY GIVING

Our beautiful Cathedral and our life-giving ministries in a weary and spiritually hungry world are in many ways the gift of all who have gone before us since 1835. They sustained these ministries through good times and hard times, bringing community, compassion, and hope to our neighbourhood and our city.

Here's an example of the impact of legacy giving. The Morris Fund, a bequest of then parishioners Caroline and Clifford Morris in 1989 of \$212,000, which was set up to support the maintenance of the Cathedral, now stands at over \$369,250. Over the years, the Cathedral has been able to comfortably draw \$25,000 each year from this one carefully managed fund. Just one example of how a legacy gift can grow and keep on giving! "More than we can ask or imagine."

Would you like to ensure that the light of Christ continues to shine here on James Street North? Please consider a special gift during your own lifetime, or talk with your family and your financial advisor about a gift in your will. Our Dean and our Treasurer welcome your inquiries.



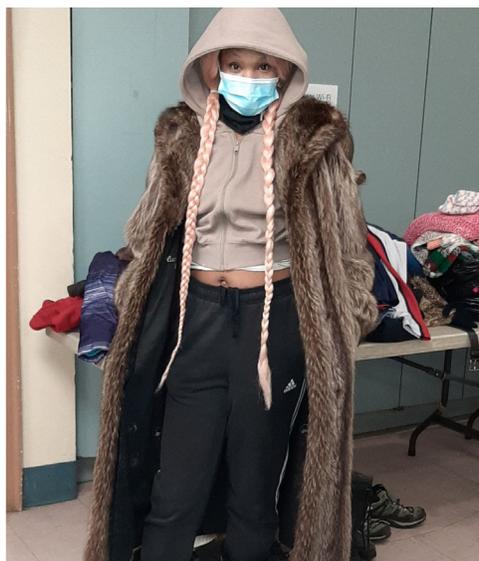
YOUR TURN

As followers of Jesus, and because God has so generously blessed us, we are called to be generous. As a parishioner, how can I be more generous to the work of Christ's Church Cathedral? What does God's generosity to me mean and how do I respond? What prompts us to be generous? What is Christian hospitality? How can I practise and strengthen generosity as a spiritual habit? In asking those questions we come to understand that our generosity as Christians is more about our spiritual values than our money.

Now money is important. As humans, we connect money with our sense of security. Henri Nouwen wrote, "Jesus knows our need for security. He is concerned that because security is such a deep human need, we do not misplace our trust in things or people that cannot offer us real security."

While we don't want to push, there is some urgency to our financial situation at the cathedral. Despite the generosity of so many, our expenses continue to be greater than our income. This deficit can limit the impact of current and new ministries. We are asking all parishioners to consider how they can generously give more.

How can I to contribute? We try to make it easy! We promote PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) because it's convenient for parishioners and it ensures steady and reliable revenue for the Cathedral. You can also contribute online or by placing cash or cheque on the offering plate.

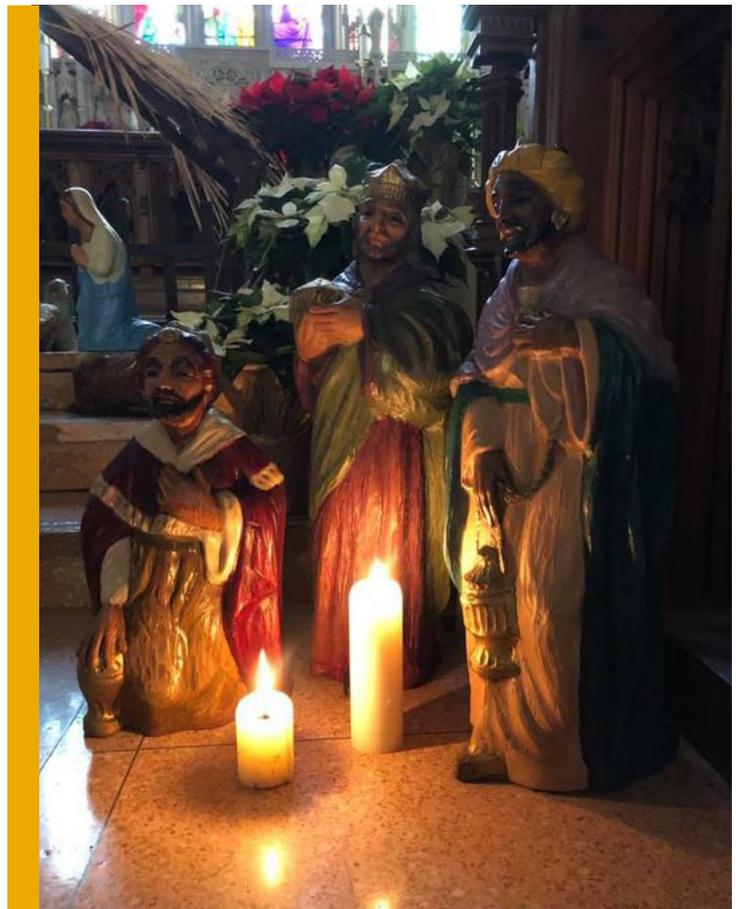


AND NOW...

Thank you for reading this Cathedral story. The next step is yours. On the next page you'll find a guide: "Reflecting on my story of generosity" and an Intention Form for 2023. Please fill it in and return it as requested, and come to the Cathedral Vestry February 19 as we affirm our plans and commit ourselves to action in the world God loves. And for all you continue to offer, in time, talent, and treasure, THANK YOU.

Questions? Please contact any member of your Generosity Team.

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ABUNDANCE

THANKS

Spiritual Habit

URGENCY

DECISIONS

Convenience

My story

HOSPITALITY



REFLECTING ON MY STORY OF GENEROSITY

We invite you to take a few moments to reflect privately on your story of generosity.

ABUNDANCE & THANKSGIVING

Imagine us living from a place of sheer, heart-felt, bone marrow deep gratitude even in times of challenge and darkness.

What am I thankful for? How does it influence my story of generosity?

For some, generosity was learned as a child and became a spiritual habit at a young age. For others, generosity grew as they aged.

Has generosity become a spiritual habit in my story? How can I further develop this spiritual habit?

SPIRITUAL HABIT

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Christian Hospitality is evidence of our generosity. By reaching out to "the other", sharing out of our abundance, we practice true generosity.

How is Christian Hospitality part of my story?

I recognize that I serve a God of abundance and blessing. This compels me to commit to deepen my spiritual habit of generosity.

I value the parish's ministry to me, to other parishioners, and to the community. What can I do to help support these ministries?

How will I personally demonstrate my commitment to generosity through what I give to Christ's Church Cathedral in 2023?

What is my monthly net income?

What proportion of my net income will I give? 2%, 5% or 10%

How much will I give each month?

Will I give through pre-authorized giving (PAG) so that my gift to God's ministry at the Cathedral is received whether I am able to attend in person or not?

DECISIONS

2023 INTENTION FORM

(Please detach and place in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or return to the parish office)

Having completed the reflection exercise, I wish to demonstrate my generosity by committing to share

\$ _____ per month with the ministry of Christ's Church Cathedral.

I will give through (check one) PAG Envelopes On-line

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Phone _____